duce Austria to Break With Germany.

ITALY PROVED A BLOCK Takes Issue With Ex-Emperor

Southern Monarchy at Same Time Was Seeking Separate Treaty.

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Copyright, 1920, all rights reserved Parts, Jan. 3 .- Much light is thrown on an obscure corner of the history of refeu in this week's Opinion dealing by Italians.

Sixte and his brother Xavier on the January, 1917, the two brothers left! armed with special recommendations pled by Italians."
from William Martin, French Director

In Switzerland they met their mother. the Duchess of Parma, to whom Prince Sixte communicated his personal views as to the nature of the peace terms—the return of Alkace-Lorraine to France, the estoration of Belgium, which would be left undisturbed in the Congo: the same conditions for Serbla, with possibly the inclusion of Albania, while Constantinople was go to the Russians. Sixte's mother dwelt upon the desire of Emperor Charles for peace and his wish to speak about the matter personally with them.

The princes preferred to receive an

Refused to Break With America.

This envoy stated that his master had received through Sixte's mother. Mean-while Emperor Charles had refused to obey Emperor William's request that Austria should break with America, and Count Czernin, Austrian-Hungarian For-eign Minister, had been informed of

Afterward Prince Sixte with a note clined to take it seriously. The note maintained all Austria's old pretensions with regard to guarantees against Serbia and declared insolently that while Austria was in no wise under German guardianship, France was acting under pressure from Great Britain. A fresh meet ing was arranged between the Prince and the Austrian envoy, as a result of which the Prince continued his journes and met Emperor Charles in the greatest secrecy in Luxemburg. The Emperor summoned Czernin to the conversations, which immediately took a bad turn, Czernin endeavoring, but apparently in vain, to bluff the Prince into meeting Austria's conditions.

On his return Prince Sixte again say President Poincaire, and Premier Ribo communicated the news of the negotiaof the meetings at Folkesione. On April 12 the Prince had a further interview with M. Poincare. M. Ribot informed him, as a result presumably of his talk with Mr. Lloyd George at Folkestone, that Great Lloyd George at Folkestone, that Great Britain was disposed favorably toward the negotiations undertaken, but thought it was the duty of the Allies to acquaint Italy with what had been done. Then came a meeting of the Allies at St. Jean de Manrienne, and Mr. Lloyd George on his way there met Prince Sixte in Paris on April 18. On his return from the meeting with the Italians the British Premier informed the Prince that the Italians refused to be budged from their position.

Italy's Effort for Peace. Prince Sixte nevertheless decided to

Prince Sixte nevertheless decided to continue his efforts for a separate peace with Austria, returned to Switzerland, again met the Austrian envoy and bore back with him an autograph letter from Count Czernin with the astonishing news that Italy, or at any rate Gen. Cadorna, aiready had made proposals for a separate peace with Austria. Gen. Cadorna's emissary reached Switzerland the middle of April. At the same time the middle of April. At the same time Italian despatches asserted Gen. Cadorna had no apprehensions as to the possibility of an Austrian offensive, and it was stated in Rome that the Austrian peace terms already had been communicated to the British Minister at Bern. They were to prove the final blow to Prince States haves

Sixte's hopes.

He returned from Switzerland with an autograph letter from Count Czernih in which the Count expressed his satisfac-tion with the agreement between France and Great Britain as to the essential foundations of peace without the participation of Italy.

"Italy, however," he said, "has just asked to conclude peace with the toonarchy and abandons all her inad-missable pretenzions of conquest which she had proclaimed with regard to the Slav countries on the Adriatic. She reduces her demands to the Italian speaking portion of Tyrol."

Czernin Outlines Terms. Count Czernin in a note annexed to

his letter to Prince Sixte thus defined the Austrian peace terms:
"One—Austria-Hungary cannot agree

Two—Apart from this rectification of her frontiers the integrity of the mon-archy must be at once guaranteed by the Entente in such manner as to insure at the opening of the general peace

"Three—Immediately these above mentioned conditions have been accepted by the Entente, Austria-Hungary will be able to conclude a separate peace with the Entente. Then only will she inform her allies of the situation.

"Four—In any case, Austria-Hungary is ready as in the past to continue the conversations with a view to concluding an honorable peace with the Entente

an honorable peace with the Entente and thus to open the way to a general

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On May 20 Prince Sixte had a final interview with MM. Poincare and Ribot, to which they both put forward again me difficulties arising from Italy's attitude toward the negotiations and at which, it is interesting to note, M. Ribot advised Prince Sixte not to talk with Premier Lioyd George, whom he (Ribot) deemed too impulsive in his decisions.

Prince Sixte made a last attempt to bring the matter through to success and despite M. Ribot's advice went to London, where he endeavored to get Mr. Lioyd George to bring about a meeting between President Policare. King George and King Victor of Italy. The analysis of the principle of the p

BOURBON PRINCE deaver failed, owing, it is understood, to the objections of Buron Sonnino, Italian Foreign Minister, and this particular en-

TOOBTAIN PEACE those who were instrumental in starting the conversations probably remained convinced that they might have put an end to the war. It would be astonishing, however, if history did not uphold the view held at the time that, however, however, held at the time that, however, however, here the time that, however, here the time that, however, however, here the time that, however, however, here the time that they have the time that the time that here the here the time that here the h Sixte Relates Efforts to In-

CADORNA DENIES

Charles's Letter.

Rome, Jan. 3 (delayed).-Italy did not send agents to Bern in April or May, 1917, to propose peace to the Aus-trian Minister to Switzerland, declares Gen. Cadorna, who was commander in chief of the Italian armies at that time.

The General's statement is made in the course of an emphatic denial of as-sertions contained in a published letter from former Emperor Charles of Austria to his cousin, Prince Sixtus of Bourbon. Italy, according to the letter, on an obscure corner of the history of was willing to make peace and receive the war by an article by M. Depler-only that part of the Trentino inhabited

with the peace intervention of Prince
Sixte de Bourbon, brother of former
Empress Zita of Austria.

Sixte and his brother Xavier on the outbreak of the war left Austria and have taken the initiative in such an afwithout authorization from the took service in the Belgian army. In Government. I would never have pro-January, 1917, the two brothers left posed or accepted a compromise em the Belgian front for Switzerland bracing only sections of Trentino peo

> COUNT IMPERATORI BACK TO BROADWAY

Cabaret Experience Aided Him and Wife in War Job.

an "artist," as he pleasantly remarked, because he acquired distinction by playing at Sherry's, arrived yesterday by th Royal Italian Mail liner Duca d'Abruzzi with the Countess, who was Miss Marenvoy of the Emperor in Switzerland, and after their return to Paris they were learned in 1913 that he was a Count and and after their return to Paris they asked to go back to Switzerland to meet this envoy, who presented himself to the shore of Lake Maggiore, and he and It can the counters went there. The war votes a carefully from the Emperor accrediting him in the started and the Italian authorities did name of Emperor Charles. had lots of experience in cabarets and other eating places and knew all about the lists nor the Nationalists, some observers been much struck by the first proposals gustatorial art he might make a good predict, will be represented in proportion received through Sixte's mother. Mean-distributer of food, so they put him on to their real numbers and influence. the job, and as he said in his best Americanere. "We got away with it." He Irish politics is expected to play an imused the plural because the Countess as- portant part, and its supporters seem to

from Count Czernin was received by Italian war job, although he "followed n its lot with the Sinn Fein, under the President Poincare, but M. Poincare desomewhat different lines than are purthreat of conscription that had been sued in the best American restaurants," hanging over Ireland. The inbor unions the dual task of being both a Count and Sinn Feiners, but while the two parties a working artist, which he admitted was may differ on trade questions there not "usually done in the best circles." seems no reason to doubt that on Ire-

Balloting Will Be First Since Unionist minority is strong by comparison with the country districts, they can control the corporation and elect whomever they please Lord Mayor, as well as controlling the Dublin County Council.

LABOR WILL BE FACTOR

portional Representation for First Time.

DUBLIN, Jan. 4 .- The first local elections since the Leginning of the war stitute paid administrators of its own will be held all over Ireland on Janu- selection. Thus, it is noted, the outcom ary 15. Unusual interest is attached to them because they will show how far the Sinn Fein party is holding its

The local councils in the three southern provinces thus far have been overof the old Nationalist Party. All local elections were suspended by the Govment during the war, to prevent posle trouble. Meanwhile the NationalParty has almost disappeared from scene and the Sinn Fein has taken ernment during the war, to prevent possible trouble. Meanwhile the National-ist Party has almost disappeared from

For the first time the voting will be known as the single transferrable vote. It gives a chance for the repre-sentation of minorities. The object of the change was to prevent the Sinn Fein from capturing the local bodies wholesale, but its chief opponents were Sir Edward Carson and the Ulster Unionists, who have the same superiority in the northeast corner that the Sinn Fein holds in the rest of Ireland.

Can Spread Preferences.

Despite the advantages of the plan for securing minority representation, the fact remains that voting organization is a telling factor even under this system It can prevent the waste of majority votes aind spread its first preference carefully over the whole ticket. The demonstarted supremacy of the Sina Count until he suggested that as he had had lots of experience in cabarets and oth- of hypnotic effect, and neither the Union-

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Sinn Fein Is Confident.

local government board has the power to

of the elections may be found as pro-viding another test of strength between

AIDS VICTORY HALL PROJECT

Legislature.

Republican elected to the Assembly, will open her legislative career with a fight

ond streets. The land is divided in own-

orship between the city and private cor-

Miss Smith will introduce the bill at

the opening of the session this week. She said she believed all possible coop-

eration ought to be given for the pro-posed Victory Hall because of the lack

orations.

the Sinn Fein and the Government,

The Sinn Fein is avowedly confident of obtaining control of all the Irish local bodies outside of Northeast Ulater, claiming that even in Dublin, where the

Given this success, it is pointed out that they could virtually turn all the local bodies of the country into Sinn Fein branches, and since the Sinn Fein has been proclaimed an illegal organization the situation which would develop in such a case is pointed to as being likely to prove an interesting one from the standpoint of the Viceroy,

BIDDING FOR PEACE Voting to Be on System of Pro-

on the question of self-government is generally the principal factor in the

sted.

The Count said the knowledge he had Fein. The Labor party has been growacquired in seeing how folks were fed in ing during the past five years, but at America helped him wonderfully in his the last Parliamentary elections it threw The Count said he was going to make a have their own policies in local affairs "stab" at getting away while here with although most of their members are

BRITISH RAIL MEN REJECT NEW SCALE

Twice as Much Pay as the Pre-War Rate Is Termed Unsatisfactory.

MASS MEETINGS DECIDE

Shilling Increase for Each Per Cent. Rise in Living The fact is not being overlooked by observers, however, that the Government holds the whip hand over the local bodies. Under an act of Parliament the Cost Offered.

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- The Government's offer to the railway men, made public to-night, which conceded considerable held in the East End of London and benefit. at North Hampton. Cardiff and Newcastle railway men also rejected the offer. The men decided that the terms were unsatisfactory. Marguerite L. Smith, the first woman

There seems little prospect of the rallway men accepting the Govern-ment's offer, judging from the reports to obtain the passage of a bill to permit the Victory Hall Association-to condemn land if necessary for the erection of a of to-day's meetings in the main ratiroad centres, where the delegates to Wednesday's conference were natructed to oppose acceptance of the award, mainly on the ground that the arrangement does not fulfil the demand for "standardization upward" made during the strike last

The plan of the Government was the week, except that sixty shillings a week pald higher rates. Taking the situation sions here to-morrow

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After September there would be a slid-

After September there would be a minfing scale, varying with the cost of living.

Another important point provided for
the creation of a central wage board,
five members of which were to represent the railway administratives and five members the unions. The board would deal with any further conditions of service which might arise. If the board was unable to effect a settlement the disputed points would be referred to a national wage board, consisting of four representatives each of the railway com-panies, the unions and the users of the

James Henry Thomas, general secre tary of the National Union of Railway men, addressing a mass meeting of the railwaymen at Birmingham to-day, advised his hearers to accept the Govern ent's terms. Mr. Thomas said that the offer would be retroactive from January i and that every man covered by the set-tlement would obtain a bonus of twenty shillings in addition. The effect of the plan, he continued, would be that thou sands of men would receive an advance advances in wages, was rejected later of from nine to eleven shillings weekly, while all the men would receive som

> The silding scale after September, Mr. Thomas said, would be operative, upward or downward, according as the cost of living varied, at the rate of a shilling for each 5 per cent, movement, the present cost of living being estimated at 125 per cent. above the pre-war rates.
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> Though the settlement was not all that might be desired, Mr. Thomas said, the men might make a profound mistake to reject such an opportualty for establishing the best machinery possible to obtain justice and fair play.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 4 .- Argu nents on a motion to quash the indictnents against United States Senator was to be regarded as the average min-imum wage for the different grades of workers, some grades being paid as low as fifty-six shillings and others being United States District Judge C. W. Ses-

PARIS LACKS FUEL **OWING TO FLOODS**

Ministry of Public Works In creases Rail Traffic in Hope of Averting Famine.

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"We have increased the transporta-tion of coal by the railroad from Rouen and Dunkirk. For the present it will not be necessary to suppress passenge trains, contrary to the premature an-nouncement to that effect, and we hope to be able to supply Paris with fuel without recourse to such measures.
"It is true that there is a large quantity of coal at Rouen, but most of this is loaded on barges which at present cannot be moved. As soon as the floods recede, however, the water transporta-tion of coal will be accelerated by the use of tugs, which at present cannot be employed. We have asked the navy to

employed. We have asked the navy to place at our disposal certain mechan-icians who know how to handle the spe-cial motor equipment of these tugs and twenty of them now are ready to go on duty as soon as navigation is possible. "In any case we are taking coarduty as soon as navigation is possible.

"In any case we are taking every step to aid and protect the people alongside the river. The journal of the flood of 1910 will serve as a guide for the mobilization of the relief forces."



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